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SUBJ: PROSPECTIVE CODEL VISIT IN DECEMBER

1. MANUEL VALDERRAMA, IBD RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY TO ADVISE US OF PROSPECTIVE MID-DECEMBER VISIT TO PERU BY APPROXIMATELY 20 MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR SPOUSES. ACCORDING TO VALDERRAMA, IBD IN WASHINGTON IS COORDINATING DIRECTLY WITH THE CONGRESSMEN ON THE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, BUT HE REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE (HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION) FOR PARTY WHILE IN PERU. VALDERRAMA ALSO SAID IBD WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD OFFER SOCIAL FUNCTION AND PROVIDE GROUP WITH BRIEFING OR TOUR OF NEARBY AID PROJECT. VALDERRAMA HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING WHICH MC'S WOULD MAKE TRIP.

2. VALDERRAMA SAID HE WAS SENDING FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SCHEDULE TO WASHINGTON FOR IBD REP THERE (WEISS-LEGAL OFFICE) TO DISCUSS AND COORDINATE WITH STSFFS OF INTERESTED CONGRESSMEN.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 - 12 NOON - ARRIVE LIMA

4-5 P.M. - EMBASSY BRIEFING OR

VISIT TO AID PROJECT

5-6 P.M. MEETING WITH GOP OFFICIALS

OR VISIT TO AID PROJECT

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 9-10:30 A.M. - VISIT TO INTERNATIONAL

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POTATO CENTER

10:45-12:45 P.M. - VISIT TO NATIONAL
AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY, LA MOLINA
1-3 P.M. - LUNCH AT GRANJA AZUL RANCH
3-5 P.M. - VISIT TO GOLD MUSEUM
7 P.M. RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE OF AMBASSADOR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 9:30 A.M. DEPARTURE FOR CUZCO

11 A.M.-4 P.M. - NO FORMAL PROGRAM;
TIME ALLOTTED FOR TRAVELERS TO ADJUST
TO ALTITUDE
4-6 P.M. - TOUR OF CUZCO

EVENING FREE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 7 A.M. DEPARTURE FROM CUZCO VIA

TRAIN TO MACHU PICCHU
11:15 A.M. VISIT TO HYDROELECTRIC
PLANT
12:30 P.M. LUNCH IN RUINS OF MACHU PICCHU
1:30 P.M. VISIT RUINS; TOUR TO BE
LEAD BY ARCHEAOLOGISTS FROM UNESCO AND
PERUVIAN NATIONAL VULTURE INSTITUTE
4 P.M. - RETURN TO CUZCO

EVENING FREE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 9 A.M. - VISIT TO SACSAYHUAMAN OR PISAC

MARKET FOLLOWED BY FLIGHT TO BRAZIL

3. VALDERRAMA PROMISED TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED REGARDING
RESULTS OF DISCUSSION OF SUGGESTED SCHEDULE IN WASHINGTON.

4. AMBASSADOR DURING CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON IN AUGUST
DISCUSSED WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS (REP. GILLIS LONG AND
DANTE FASCELL) TRIP TO PERU PLANNED BY THEM AND OTHER INTERESTED
CONGRESSMEN. AMBASSADOR OFFERED FULL ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY IN
PLANS AND EXECUTION OF VISIT. HE ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF SUCH
A VISIT WITH AMB. GARCIA BEDOYA,
WHO EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM AND SAID HE WOULD CONTACT CONGRESSMAN LONG
TO OFFER HELP IN SETTING UP MEETINGS WITH HIGH LEVEL GOP
OFFICIALS SUCH AS FOREIGN MIN, PRIME MIN AND EVEN PRESIDENT MORALES
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BERMUDEZ IF AVAILABLE AT THE TIME. VALDERRAMA COULD NOT CONFIRM
WHETHER GROUP WITH WHICH IDB IS TALKING IS SAME AS THAT DISCUSSED
BY AMBASSADOR WITH CONGRESSMAN LONG IN PRESENCE PETER JOHNSON
LAST AUGUST BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY.

4. EMBASSY HAS TOLD VALDERRAMA THAT PROPOSED SCHEDULE
DOES NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR EMBASSY BRIEFING
PLUS MEETING WITH GOP OFFICIALS AND VISIT TO AID PROJECT.

VALDERRAMA HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MODIFY SCHEDULE IN CONSULTATION WITH US. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT CONGRESSMEN HAVE DIALOGUE WITH HIGH LEVEL GOP OFFICIALS AND WILL STRESS TO VALDERRAMA THAT HE GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO PROGRAMMING THIS MEETING, EVEN ELIMINATING EMBASSY BRIEFING IF NECESSARY IN VIEW OF TIME CONSTRAINTS. WHILE EMBASSY PLEASED TO PROVIDE BRIEFING, WE THINK PRE-TRIP BRIEFING OF CODEL IS MORE EFFICIENT USE OF TIME AND WOULD BE MORE USEFUL FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER GIVING PRE-TRIP BRIEFING IN COOPERATION WITH PERUVIAN EMBASSY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED; EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IF DEPT WOULD CONSULT WITH IDB AND CONGRESSMAN LONG TO CONFIRM WHETHER TWO GROUPS ARE INDEED THE SAME AND TO OBTAIN AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING PLANS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE THUS FAR. PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA SHOULD ALSO BE CONSULTED. WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF PARTICIPANTS IN VISIT AND THEIR PARTICULAR INTERESTS SO THAT WE CAN MAKE MORE USEFUL INPUT INTO VISIT SCHEDULING.

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